

Welcome to Worship!

Winchester Unitarian Society · Sunday, April 12, 2026

April's Theme is "Embracing Possibility"

Livestream Attendees: To notify our Tech Deck of a broadcast issue, email checkingin@winchesteruu.org or call the WUS Office
- 781.729.0949

Centering Thought

"Interdependence is a fundamental law of nature. Even tiny insects survive by mutual cooperation based on innate recognition of their interconnectedness. It is because our own human existence is so dependent on the help of others that our need for love lies at the very foundation of our existence. Therefore we need a genuine sense of responsibility and a sincere concern for the welfare of others." - Dalai Lama

Gathering Music

John Kramer

Invitation to Greeting

Rev. Seth Carrier-Ladd

*In person attendees: Note that the congregation will be briefly visible in the livestream. If you do not want to be seen, please sit in the back pews, marked accordingly. **Livestreamers: Please let us know who you are and what's on your mind by sending an email to checkingin@winchesteruu.org***

Ringling of the Bell

Community Welcome and Announcements

Martin Newhouse

You may also review weekly announcements at www.tinyurl.com/WUShappenings

Invocation

*"Invoking the Past, Present and Future"
by Katie Romano Griffi*

Chalice Lighting

Offering

This week's share-the-plate recipient is the **Gardens for Good**, a community group which has committed to turning parts of our lawns into gardens and/or volunteering our time to grow fresh produce for neighbors who are patrons of the Council for Social Concern and the En Ka Food Pantry. Gardens for Good is a project of the Winchester Farmers Market Community Hub and is supported by Wright-Locke Farm. Their mission is to increase the availability of fresh, local, healthy food to the diets of local food pantry patrons. They are committed to using regenerative, organic growing practices with the idea of growing food while returning the soil to ecological balance.

Those in the sanctuary are also welcome to donate electronically. Text **GIVE to (781) 230-6690**, used the QR Code or visit www.tinyurl.com/wusgiveonline Please write or type the date of your offering in the memo line or comment field.



Offertory

Draw the Circle Wide, Mark Miller

Affirmation of Shared Ministry *Those who wish to do so are invited to join in the unison Affirmation.*

We gather not for ourselves alone, but to use our common power to build the Beloved Community within and beyond these walls.

We create and reaffirm this covenant this day - to make justice flourish, to practice compassion amidst difference and to embody transformative love.

***Hymn #1021**

Lean On Me

Gray Hymnal

Benediction

Postlude

Togetherness, Jimmy Heath

Extinguishing the Chalice

Please read together the words for extinguishing the chalice

We extinguish this flame but not the light of truth, the warmth of community or the fire of commitment. These we carry in our hearts until we are together again.

Serving Today

Ushers: Deb Eiler & Donna Reed

Greeters: Joe Eiler & Lindy Brown

The Sunday Pastoral Care Associate is available to those wanting to share a personal concern with an attentive listener.

Today's PCA is Terry Currier 781-690-6112

or at the pew closest to the candle table

immediately after the service

Flower Dedication: *In celebration of Dawn Kelley Bartlett's birthday, given by her family with love in perpetuity.*

Rev. Seth Carrier-Ladd, *Interim Minister* ♦ John Kramer, *Director of Music* ♦

Martin Newhouse, *Worship Associate* ♦ Sam Wilson, *Director of Youth and*

Children's Ministries ♦ Brenna Mayer, *Children's Religious Education*

Coordinator ♦ Jay Kwan, *Livestream Coordinator*

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